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Department of Community Development

**Economic Development Board
April 18, 2017
7:30 AM
North Conference Room
Mequon City Hall
11333 N Cedarburg Minutes**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call.

Members present: Chairman Tim Carr, Jim Baka, Matson Holbrook, Bruce Sipiora, Jon Safran, Rick Shneyder

Staff and City Representatives Present:

Kim Tollefson, Director of Community Development
Jac Zader, Asst. Director of Community Development
Kristen Lundeen, Director of Public Works/ Engineering
Ald. John Wirth
Alt. Ald. Connie Pukaite

2. RFP: Logemann Center Development Considerations

Ms. Tollefson stated that the Common Council previously made a motion for both applicants to move forward working together. The Leszczynski project was given priority project. The Common Council also voted that a parking study and analysis be conducted to assess the parking situation for the entire civic campus and surrounding properties. This will be conducted in three separate phases. She stated that both Jac Zader and Kristen Lundeen are both actively working on this project. She also stated that the Common Council had directed that negotiations with John Leszczynski not take place until April 19, 2017; one year following the completion of his role as a City alderman.

There has been much public input from individuals as well as from surrounding businesses over the past few months regrading this issue, with letters and petitions circulating with support for both proposed projects.

Ms. Tollefson offered both Foxtown Venture and John and Laura Leszczynski the opportunity before the board convened in closed session to discussion any of the items regarding the strategy and negotiation terms that would be discussed by the board.

Foxtown Venture was represented by John Graham (Robert Bach, Tom Nieman and Tom Zabjak were also in attendance). Mr. Graham stated that they are waiting on the analysis of the traffic study before they move forward with their proposal. They are still very interested in the opportunity and have interested donors but they want to wait for the results of the traffic study. They want to ensure they have support and direction from the City as well.

John Leszczynski stated that the EDB unanimously recommended his project and that the Common Council is supporting him moving forward with it.

Jim Baka asked if the parties had the opportunity to work together yet as directed by the Common Council.

It was stated that that has not yet happened.

Chairman Carr suggested that they board go into closed session.

Ald. Wirth made a motion to go into closed session.

Mr. Safran seconded the motion.

All voted aye, voted passed (7-0)

Closed Session:

Convene into Closed Session

Convene into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e), Wisconsin State Statutes, to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (Land Acquisition: Logemann Center Building and Associated Land).

Ald. Wirth made a motion to go into open session.

Mr. Matson seconded the motion.

All voted aye, voted passed (7-0)

Ald. Wirth made a motion that the Economic Development Board should have a joint meeting with the Common Council for the Logemann Center as the Economic Development Board did not receive adequate direction from the Common Council to move forward with negotiations related to the RFP.

Mr. Safran seconded the motion,

All voted aye, voted passed (7-0)

3. Staff Updates

4. Announcements

Chairman Carr announced that this is last meeting for Ald. Pukaite in her role as alderperson.

He also thanked Ms. Tollefson for sending a follow up letter to the Rockwell representatives and for inviting them to attend an EDB meeting.

The next meeting will be on April 25, 2017

Action

Chairman Carr made a motion to adjourn.

Ald. Wirth seconded that motion.

All voted aye (7-0)

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.